(b) if so, whether this has become necessary because of the decreasing revenue per line;

(c) if so, the details of overall revenue per line per month upto January 31;

(d) whether there has been no increase in the tariffs since May, 1993; and

(e) if so, the time by when final decision for revising tariffs policy is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

P & T Housing Welfare Society

3728. DR. BALI RAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forestry department under his Ministry has not planted grass and trees in the parks near type I, II and III houses of the P & T Housing Welfare Society, Kalibari Marg, New Delhi;

(b) If so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Grass planting at Quarters type I, II and III has been done, process of planting of trees is in progress.

[English]

Merger of E.A.S. with Janmabhoomi in Andhra Pradesh

3729. SHRI K.S.R. MURTHY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has merged the Employment Assurance Scheme with Janmabhoomi Programme;

(b) the percentage of contributions made by the State Government as its share to the schemes like JRY, IAY, DWCRA during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) whether the Union Government are also aware that the selection of beneficiaries is done for the IAY, JRY, DWCRA on political considerations violating the Central guidelines in this regard; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to check violation of Central guidelines by State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YARRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Percentage contributions made by the State Govt. under Jawahar Rozagar Yojana (JRY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is as follows:

Programme	Percentage contribution by state Govt. to total allocation	
	1995-96	1996-97
JRY	20.00	20.00
IAY	20.00	20.00
DWCRA	28.85	57.51

(c) and (d) There in no provision in the guidelines of the above programmes for selection of beneficiaries on political considerations. However, as and when cases of violation of Central guidelines are received, the same are immediately referred back to concerned State Govt. to take necessary action.

[Translation]

Postal facilities in Gram Panchayats

3730. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gram panchayats in the country where post and telegraph facilities have not been provided so far;

(b) the number of post and telegraph offices opened during 1996-97, State-wise;

(c) whether any time bound plan has been formulated for providing the above mentioned facilities in each gram panchayat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of gram panchayats in the country, where post offices have not been provided so far is 109331. Postal Counter facilities and facility of delivery of mails are however, provided to all villages through the nearby post offices.

The information regarding number of Gram Panchayats. in the country where telegraph facilities have not been provided so far is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

(b) The information the number of post offices opened during 1996-97, postal circle-wise is given in the Statement - I enclosed. The information on the number of telegraph offices and combined offices opened during 1996-97, State-wise, is given in the statement-II enclosed.

(c) and (d) Post Offices are opened subject to norm based justification and availability of resources and targets.

There is no policy of the Department of Telecom to provide Telegraph facility in every Gram Panchayat, as it is provided on the basis of demand, and justification of volume of traffic.

Statement I

Details of number of Post Offices opened during 1996-97 (Postal-Circle-Wise).

Sl. No.	Name of Circles	No. of Post Offices opened during 1996-97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Assam	14
3.	Bihar	36
4.	Delhi	4
5.	Gujarat	34
6.	Haryana	3
7.	Himachal Pradesh	26
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	-
9.	Karnataka	27
10.	Kerala	6
11.	Madhya Pradesh	26
12.	Maharashtra	31
13.	North-East	6
14.	Orissa	12
15.	Punjab	11
16.	Rajasthan	18
17.	Tamil Nadu	10
18.	Uttar Pradesh	47
19.	West Bengal	5
	Total :	328

Statement - II

Number of Post and telegraph Offices opened during 1996-97. State-wise.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Telegraph Offices	No. of Combined Post & Telegraph Offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	-	-
2.	Assam	-	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-
5.	Delhi	1	-
6.	Gujarat	-	1
7.	Goa	-	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	15
9.	Haryana	-	-
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	20
11.	Kerala	-	-
12.	Karnataka	-	5
13.	Madhya Pradesh	-	139 (GPTd.)
14.	Maharashtra	1	1
15.	Manipur	-	-
16.	Meghalaya	-	-
17.	Mizoram	-	-
18.	Nagaland	-	-
19.	Orissa	1	238
20.	Punjab	-	-
21.	Rajasthan	-	8
22.	Sikkim	1	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	-	6
24.	Uttar Pradesh	-	-
25.	West Bengal	-	-

[English]

Intent Telephony System

3731. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Intent Telephony System introduced in Delhi;